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Fixed just months ago, cross culvert repeatedly damaged for cable works as water collects in absence of proper drainage

OPEN AND SHUT CASE

₹1.50 cr spent to fix footpath, asphalting of Nandi Durga Road

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) spent around Rs 1.50 crore for the development of footpaths and asphalting Nandi Durga Road just a few months ago.

However, a few telecom service providers continue to damage a cross culvert on the road for laying optical fibre cables or for other purposes causing a lot of inconvenience to the motorists.

According to the residents of Nandi Durga Road Extension, it has become a routine for the contractor to replace broken or damaged concrete slabs on the cross culvert.

They said the BBMP and the contractor in question have to take measures to find a solution on a permanent basis instead of knee-jerk remedies.

"They are also unable to do the stretch from Jayamahal First Main, past SLV Grocery up to the Indian Bank turn. They don't know how to fix it. From Nandidurga Extension 1st Main up to the masjid, there are no openings/drains provided for the footpath — as a result water collects here. These problems continue even after over two years of regular

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> **"There are no drains provided for the footpath... Problems continue after over two years of regular meetings with BBMP, BWSSB, BESCOM, police, residents and MLA**
> — Anju Lal, resident

Get a refill, shun plastic

Instead of buying new plastic bottles, refill detergent, hand-wash, and so on at kiosks or trucks

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With the amount of daily plastic waste mounting in the city, Bengalureans are exploring new ways to reduce plastic use.

Some residents have started to make use of refillable products like detergent, hand-wash, and so on, through refilling kiosks or trucks instead of buying new plastic bottles every month.

Lalithamba V, a resident of HSR Layout, has been making use of this refilling system; she is trying to educate more people about the same too.

"There are several companies that are providing this service. The agenda is to minimise the plastic waste at each household by reusing containers to get products like toiletries, detergent, and other home-use products... Some companies provide vehicles that go to certain residential areas; so we can discuss among the community and decide a date and venue, and everyone

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Chocolate 101

If you want to dig into some of India's most remarkable craft chocolate and also learn more about the journey of cacao from being a humble bean to a gourmet dessert, then 'The Indian Cacao & Craft Chocolate Festival' is just for you. A collective project of the craft chocolate community, you will witness some of the finest craft chocolate makers, cacao farmers, industry professionals, chocolatiers and enthusiasts all under one roof over two days.
Where: Bangalore International Centre
When: November 12 - 13, 11.00 am - 7.00 pm
Tickets: insider.in

02 Folk dance and more

Nexus Whitefield Mall in collaboration with Sarani and Yakshadegula is all set to present 'Whitefield Folk Festival'. Dance groups from Whitefield catchment will present a bouquet of various dance forms including Manipuri, Bihu, Gidda, Hori, dances from Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu. The Karnataka forms will include some of the most exquisite dance forms by exponents of Yakshagana, traditional folk puppets, Kampala, Tamate, Hulli Vesha, Dollu Kunita. Patta Kunita, Veerabhadra Kunita, Ranga Kunita, Keelu Kudre and many more.
Where: Nexus Whitefield Mall
When: November 12, 13

03 Festival of ghee

A unique awareness campaign to spread awareness and educate people on health benefits of ghee is being organised this weekend. Ghee Food Specialist CA Divya Raghavendra Rao will speak on the benefits of ghee and bust many myths surrounding it.
Where: The Rameshwaram Café, Brookfield
When: Nov 12, 10 am to 5 pm.

Itchy eye? Check for conjunctivitis

Doctors report increase in number of cases; many children among patients

After vector-borne diseases doctors are now reporting seeing patients with complaints of conjunctivitis and several paediatricians say that many school-going children are the patients.

Doctors say that many patients come with symptoms like itching of eyes caused by an inflammation or infection of the transparent membrane called conjunctiva that lines the eyelid and covers the white part of the eyeball.

The infection is common when there is a transition of seasons. Interestingly, the cases were down during the last two years. Doctors say that Covid restrictions including hand hygiene and physical distancing norms prevented the spread of conjunctivitis to an extent. However, with easing of restrictions and various hygienic measures going for a toss, cases are increasing.

Doctors say that the infection is contagious and the simplest way is to isolate people. Infected children should be asked to stay away from school and adults should stay home too. The infection caused mostly by a virus and at times by bacteria does not affect vision. Symptoms ease with treatment.

Dr Bhanu Prasad, a pediatrician said, "Conjunctivitis can be viral, bacterial or allergic. Usually viral and bacterial conjunctivitis is caused from person to person by touching hands or objects that are contaminated by the infected person. Allergic conjunctivitis is caused through allergies. The symptoms may vary from redness of eyes and there can be either discharge from eyes with itching or burning sensation."

He said that due to viral infection in this season, people are prone to viral conjunctivitis and allergic conjunctivitis lasts long while viral and bacterial conjunctivitis may last from five to 10 days with adequate treatment. He added that good immunity helps in prevention and advised people to avoid crowded places and use goggles while driving. There is a requirement of frequent cleaning of hands.

Dr Shivakumar, a pediatrician said that many of his conjunctivitis patients are those who are going to school and in the age group of five to six. "Among kids, it may last from three to five days with treatment. As kids generally go out to play, there is a need to maintain hygiene and the kids should avoid dust."

Children playing outside must always wash their hands before touching their eyes to keep the infection at bay, advise doctors

Infected children should be asked to stay away from school and adults should stay home too, say doctors

Dr Manohar Mehta, an ophthalmologist added that he was receiving at least five to six patients with complaints of conjunctivitis cases a day.

Health experts say that during health camps, the doctors should screen for various monsoon ailments including conjunctivitis, fever, respiratory infections, stomach flu and vector borne diseases like dengue.

Health experts say that microorganisms that cause conjunctivitis could be present in nasal secretions and eye discharge. One could get infected simply by touching the face or a used personal item of an infected person and rubbing one's eyes without washing hands. The first tell-tale signs can appear within a few days after one has contracted the infection.

The patient may experience discomfort in eyes and a gritty sensation inside the eyelids. Since the blood vessels get dilated, the patient's eyes appear bloodshot. Since it is highly contagious, there are chances that the conjunctivitis may spread to both eyes. **— K Harshitha**

Walk to get closer to nature

To encourage community participation in scientific research and biodiversity exploration, in particular, the Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and Environment (ATREE) is organising a herp (from herptile, related to herpetology, the study of amphibians and reptiles) walk for the citizens. A part of the annual TN Khoshoo Memorial Award, the walk will be held on November 12 at the University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), GKVK campus and will help the participants uncover the realms of citizen science in biodiversity exploration and taxonomy.

"Biodiversity exploration and taxonomy is not just a research science but is also a citizen science. Through this walk we want to educate the participants on various aspects of citizen science," said Surya Narayanan, herpetologist, ATREE.

Researchers say the walk will be unlike any regular nature walks and will be focused on disseminating taxonomy to the common man. The aim is to bring in people from different backgrounds and give them a basic idea of taxonomy. For instance, amphibian and reptile experts will educate the participants about field sketching.

"The participants will be taught the concept of field sketching. When you see an animal in the field, you sketch specific characteristics and identify the animal using a field guide once you are back at the camp. For example, Hemidactylus geckos have vertical pupils while Nemesis geckos have round pupils. They will be told about the characters of animals to look for instead of immediately cross-comparing with the field guide. That will just divert your attention," said Narayanan.

"Through this walk we want to educate the participants on various aspects of citizen science – Surya Narayanan, herpetologist, ATREE

Citizen science, with its increasingly important role in biodiversity monitoring and data collection, is receiving a lot of attention worldwide. Experts say the decentralised take on data collection and research is the need of the hour.

"We are targeting citizen science through this initiative. If you are a researcher, you cannot go everywhere and explore. We need citizen science so the researchers can tap into their database. The whole world is moving towards citizen science. Participants will also be introduced to citizen science portals and applications. It is a win-win situation for both the communities," said an ATREE researcher. The herp walk will be conducted at the GKVK campus from 6 pm to 9 pm. There will also be bird and plant walks organized over the coming days. **— BMB**

CCTV cameras turn 'counter-productive'

Kallahalli apartment complex residents feel their privacy is being encroached upon

A CCTV camera fixed near the window of a bedroom in Kallahalli BDA apartment complex

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Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras are meant to help prevent and detect crime. However, around 10 CCTV cameras installed last month have become an inconvenience for three ex-servicemen families residing at Kallahalli BDA flats. The installation of CCTV cameras near the windows of their bedrooms and common area are turning out to be a nuisance.

"We have objected to installing of the camera near our bedroom window, but our neighbour, Raja, who resides on the ground floor did not heed to our objection. Instead of removing the CCTV camera, he is threatening us," says Shobha S who resides on the first floor.

She said that she has to come to the balcony to speak over the phone or answer a phone call as the network is very poor inside her flat. "We may be speaking about personal problems with our friends and relatives. I do not want our conversation to be recorded in the CCTV camera," she said.

Echoing her views, Bujji B, Shobha's neighbour, said there was no need to fix the CCTV cameras in the common area and near the bedrooms. "Raja engaged people to fix more than 10 CCTV cameras. Where is the need to fix such a number of CCTV cameras? When questioned, he threatened to hit my husband with a steel rod," said Bujji.

> **"Raja engaged people to fix more than 10 CCTV cameras. Where is the need?**
>
> –Bujji B, resident

She wanted the police to act against Raja for creating havoc in the residential complex where middle and lower-income group people are residing. "We were shocked and afraid when police, who arrived in a Hoysala vehicle, questioned us about what our problem would be if Raja installed the CCTV cameras. We expected the police to warn Raja for threatening us. I expect police to take suitable measures to remove audio recordings from the CCTV cameras installed near the windows of our bedrooms," she said.

When contacted, Raja said that he installed the CCTV cameras by spending around Rs 70,000 to keep vigil on garbage dumping and dog owners creating a 'nuisance' in front of his gate. "Many people dump garbage on the vacant space near my home. Some miscreants use the space behind our house to smoke cigarettes and consume drugs and liquor," alleged Raja.

He claimed to have replaced two CCTV cameras that have audio recording facilities. "Some people are complaining against me out of jealousy or for other reasons. I have fixed the CCTV cameras in my property. I own two flats on the ground floor," he said.

However, the other neighbours are not willing to believe Raja's claims. "We want the police to inspect the CCTV cameras," said Shobha.

The residents said that they approached Halasuru Police last month, but they did nothing. "We want to lodge a complaint against Raja, but the police inspector did not take our complaint," said one of the residents.

Meanwhile, Halasuru Police Station Assistant Sub Inspector Manjunath said that he was not aware of the complaint, but is ready to consider it if the residents want to lodge a complaint against the accused. "Let them come to the police station. We will take a call after going through the complaint," he said.

Cops bust mobile phone snatching racket in city

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In a big relief to commuters on public transport, city police have nabbed the mobile snatching gang that has been notoriously stealing phones. During the operation, police managed to recover phones worth Rs 15 lakh.

Last week, the Bangalore City Police (BCP) concluded its operation of nabbing the four-member gang. Madiwala Police have been able to recover 60 phones. According to officials, the team was also targeting areas with heavier footfall. They suspect that the gang started mobile snatching about four or five years ago.

DCP South-East CK Baba told Bangalore Mirror, "Their modus operandi was to target victims with two being in an auto and two being on a bike. Bikers would tail the victims from the front and the auto would follow from the back. They would also snatch phones from buses. After snatching the phone, they would get off from the moving vehicle and exit with the help of the auto. There were some cases of similar instances happening in the railway station as well." Along with the gang, police were able to arrest the team that was aiding them in selling these stolen phones by changing the SIM and IMEI numbers.

He added that their exit strategy in case they were to get caught was to leave in the auto.

> **Police were able to recover about 60 phones worth Rs 15 lakh**

"These are habitual offenders who have been doing this for the past few years. In 2020, a case was registered in Amruthahalli Police Station," added Baba.

Police officials say that they have been seeing cases of mobile snatching on a daily basis and are now booking the crime as robbery under IPC Section 392. After booking the case, they go through the visuals and CCTV footage.

"Using such details and tracking their modus operandi we were able to zero in on the gang," informed Baba.

Woman ends life after being blackmailed

A woman committed suicide after her lover blackmailed her over their private videos, police reported on Tuesday. The 35-year-old made a video where she narrated her ordeal. Her husband had filed the complaint, following which the police lodged an FIR against Mallikarjun from Andhra Pradesh.

According to police, the victim worked at a beauty parlour. Mallikarjun from Nellore district in Andhra Pradesh got introduced to her six months ago. Both developed an intimate relationship. However, the accused started blackmailing her for money and demanded Rs 2 lakh from her. He threatened her that if she did not give him the money,

A case of abetment to suicide had been registered against the accused.

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Last-mile disconnect affects interior B'luru

Places like Mallasandra need metro feeder buses for last-mile connectivity

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The lack of proper parking facilities at metro stations, infrequent Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) buses, and expensive autos are some of the reasons hindering last-mile connectivity for citizens living in interior Bengaluru.

Sujay V, a resident of Mallasandra, depends on the metro for his daily commute to work. "Last-mile connectivity is still a problem. Residents and housekeeping staff in this area face difficulty commuting to the metro station every day. We are being forced to pay higher prices for autos because there are no other options for us. I pay approximately Rs 70 for one way by auto daily.

There were instances when the auto drivers dropped passengers in between or even refused to go after boarding them," he said.

Residents have been demanding the BMTC provide metro feeder buses to the areas that need better connectivity.

"The BMTC bus which is supposed to operate five trips a day also skips coming inside Mallasandra sometimes. We have escalated this issue to the depot manager," he added.

Mallasandra has a large number of apartments and educational institutes. Kanakapura Road has several metro stations along the green line of the Namma Metro. However, the lack of parking facilities is forcing residents living around the area to opt for overcharging autos.

"There is no parking facility at the Vajarahalli and Thalaghattapura metro stations. People either do not take the metro at all or if they want to use the metro, they have to shell out Rs 80-100 for an auto for just 1 km. There is only a small parking area available at Doddakallasandra station, which is not sufficient," said VK Srivatsa, secretary of Change-Makers of Kanakapura Road (CMKR) association, a consortium of over 80 Resident Welfare Associations on Kanakapura Road.

City dwellers want BMTC to start feeder buses in areas that lack last-mile connectivity; many have to rely on overpriced auto rides

> **"We are being forced to pay higher fares for autos because there are no options for us. I pay approximately ₹70 for one way by auto daily**
> – Sujay V, resident

The residents said that the parking gets full before 10am as only limited space is available for such a large number of regular commuters.

"BMTC needs to run metro feeder buses in and around Kanakapura Road. The residents are even ready to pay promotional fares. If the normal fare is Rs 5, they can charge Rs 10 or 15, which is still better than paying Rs. 80-100 to the autos. It will be a win-win situation for both BMTC and the commuters," Srivatsa added. The CMKR association has even reached out to the BMTC authorities regarding the last-mile connectivity issue.

BMTC Director (IT) AV Surya Sen told Bangalore Mirror, "The association has brought the issue forward and we have been informed that several areas along Kanakapura Road are in need of metro feeder services. Currently, the issue is that although we have the buses, we have a crew shortage. We are planning to float a tender soon and will also be looking into which areas require these services the most."

Mixed signals: Parking board angers citizens

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PARKING ALLOWED ONLY FOR SOPHIA HIGH SCHOOL STAFF

BWSSB boards reading 'parking allowed only for Sophia High School staff' (in red) and 'trespassers will be prosecuted' (in blue)

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Two boards put up by the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) seem to be sending contradictory messages. One board says that the land below an overhead water tank near Chalukya Circle, adjacent to Basava Bhavan, is a prohibited area where trespassers will be prosecuted. The other board says that parking is allowed only for the staff of Sophia High School.

No action has been taken by the BWSSB, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) or the Bengaluru Traffic Police to remove one of the boards put up on the footpath meant for pedestrians and not for the installation of caution or name boards.

Sai Datta, a social activist, wrote a letter to the BWSSB Chairman on November 8 demanding withdrawal of the permission given to Sophia High School for parking vehicles on the vacant land below the overhead water tank.

"I am of the opinion that the BWSSB authorities did not follow the norms while allowing Sophia High School staff to park their vehicles. Allowing parking of vehicles in a prohibited area is against the norms," said Datta in the letter.

When contacted, BWSSB Executive Engineer Suhas said that the parking of vehicles is allowed only after signing an agreement with Sophia High School for two years. "The agreement was signed with Sophia School more than 20 months ago and is expected to expire by January 2023. Our higher authorities will take a decision on whether or not to extend the agreement with Sophia High School," said Suhas.

Coming down heavily on BWSSB authorities for prohibiting the common public and allowing influential people to park vehicles in a prohibited area, Ravi Krishna Reddy of Karnataka Rashtra Samiti said, "I am of the opinion that government officials follow different rules for different categories of people," he said.

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No pavement
Kithiganur

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Damaged roads
Kumbarpet

The roads in front of Kumbarpet Avenue Road Cross are damaged.

Heavy damage
Kannamangala

Every day on Kannamangala Main Road heavy vehicles are parked on either side, blocking traffic.

Stray saved at end of high-voltage drama

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In a one-of-a-kind incident in Bengaluru Metro history, a stray dog had to be rescued from an under-construction metro line in the late hours of Sunday. As the lines are electrified for trial testing, the path poses a risk to strays.

Construction of the blue line is in progress so the Whitefield metro station has been electrified for trial runs. On October 21, Metro conducted a trial run for the 3.5-km stretch between Whitefield and Pattandur Agrahara stretch. But the stretch is not being guarded; permitting stray animals to walk in. Once the station work is completed and manned by a security guard, such instances are unlikely. On Sunday, Mahadevapura Task Force (MTF), BMRCL and BBMP (Animal Husbandry) had to conduct a joint rescue operation after the dog was seen loitering near the viaduct adjacent to the electrified line.

The rescue op took a while as the dog was in no mood to get caught. Clement Jayakumar of MTF told BM, "The news became viral on social media after a group posted it on their Twitter handle. We came to know about the situation at around 7 pm and alerted the BMRCL and BBMP officials. The first step was to disconnect the power supply with the help of BMRCL's traction team. After that the BMRCL project team prepared the guards for the rescue." MTF had also alerted the BBMP Animal Husbandry department and they brought in a rescue team. By 9 pm, the rescuers reached the spot and tried to catch the dog for an hour and a half. Then they suspended the operation for the night. They resumed at 7:30 am. "After a pursuit of almost two hours, the dog was caught. It was quite difficult as the dog kept running all across the viaduct," he added.

The stray was seen loitering near the viaduct adjacent to lines that had been electrified for the trial run at Whitefield

Counting trees: BBMP loses count of U-turns

As Palike decides to float tenders to conduct survey, environmentalists wonder if delay is because agency doesn't want to be held accountable

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Bengaluru's much-awaited tree survey is set to be delayed further as the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has taken a U-turn from its stand and decided to float tenders to conduct the survey.

The census was earlier supposed to be conducted with assistance from the Karnataka Forest Department officials. However, the plan did not materialise.

"We had requested the Karnataka Forest Department to depute manpower for the census. We wrote to the PCCF and requested to depute maximum manpower for a period of two months. But, that could not materialise. We will soon float tenders for the process," said a senior official from the forest department, BBMP.

Officials also said the Karnataka State Remote Sensing Application Centre is addressing minor issues related to the app that the civic agency was developing to conduct the survey.

"Once the application is ready and a bidder is shortlisted through the tender process, the census will begin," added the official declining to comment on a timeline for the process.

However, environmentalists say that this is a direct violation of the High Court's order and the Palike is dilly-dallying the census on purpose.

"The officials are aware that once the trees are documented, there is no backtracking. They will be accountable for the trees and thus want to avoid it," said Dr AN Yellappa Reddy, an environmentalist.

There have been many attempts by the BBMP to conduct the survey in the past. After the High Court directed the Palike to carry out the census in August 2019, the civic agency had first reached out to the Institute of Wood Science and Technology and then to the University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS) to sign an MoU. However, after months of discussions, the talks failed. The BBMP then decided to carry on with inputs from the tree authority and manpower support from the Karnataka Forest Department.

"The census must be done systematically and scientifically. If BBMP is planning to float tenders they should consider agencies with some experience. It should be done methodically on new model principals including a photograph of the tree, GPS location, etc. Citizen participation should be taken care of too," said Dattatreya Devare, trustee, Bangalore Environment Trust.

Experts say BBMP should rope in college students and professors instead of taking the costly route.

"All they need to do is include degree and PUC science students at ward levels. Many taxonomists and botanists teach and study in these colleges. A taxonomist can be brought in to train them to document the trees. But, it is evident that Palike is avoiding the exercise to duck accountability" said Dr Reddy.

"BBMP is playing an intelligent game. The officials are aware that once the trees are documented, there is no backtracking. They will be accountable and responsible for the trees and thus want to avoid it

—Dr Yellappa Reddy, environmentalist

HC sets aside lower court order directing blocking of Congress Twitter handles

In a relief to Congress, the Karnataka High Court on Tuesday set aside a local court order directing Twitter to provisionally block the handles of the Indian National Congress and its 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' in a case related to music copyright infringement.

The local court on Monday also directed Twitter to remove three links from its platform.

The high court ruling came after the Congress submitted an undertaking in the court to remove the 'KGF Chapter-2' song from all its handles.

The counsel for the Congress, Abhishek Manu Singhvi, said that the 'KGF Chapter-2' song would be removed from all the social media handles of the party, and the screen shots would be provided to the petitioner, MRT Music.

Music record label MRT Music, which owns the copyright for the music of the film 'KGF - Chapter 2', had alleged that the audiovisual promotions of the Bharat Jodo Yatra headed by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi had illegally used music from the pan-India blockbuster movie.

After going through the material evidence submitted, the local court on Monday noted that prima facie materials available at this stage, if established, will cause irreparable damage to the plaintiff and also encourage piracy.

The court had issued an ex-parte injunction that restrains the defendants from unauthorisedly and illegally using the copyrighted work belonging to the plaintiff till the next date of hearing.

Last Friday, MRT Music's counsel Narasimhan Sampath had said, "A complaint has been filed against the Indian National Congress represented by its General Secretary Jairam Ramesh, Supriya Shrinate, and Rahul Gandhi for infringement of copyrights owned by MRT Music." **–IANS**

Curious case of shapeshifting road

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meetings with the BBMP, BWSSB, BESCOM, police department, residents and MLA," said Anju Lal, a resident.

Many motorists expressed displeasure over the frequent repair at the cross culvert in front of the Airtel office in the area. They are quite displeased and shocked over the lack of foresight before commencing the work on this road.

"It is a shame on the BBMP, wasting tax-payers' money on repair of this road that was developed recently. I do not know why no one is punished for wasting public money. They should provide gratings to drain water from the road into the nearest drain," said Ashok Kumar K, a motorist.

Satyanarayana S, a motorist, expressed shock over the traffic jam due to the opening of the culvert for repair. He demanded the BBMP engineers take measures to fix the problem permanently.

"I think more repairs mean more money for the BBMP engineers and the contractor. It is the responsibility of the engineers and contractor to discuss a vulnerable stretch of the road known for water-logging. What is the use of developing or asphalting the road without making a provision to drain rainwater?" asked Satyanarayana.

Meanwhile, social activist Mahaboob Pasha said he contacted the BBMP executive engineer and the contractor to fix the problem as early as possible for the benefit of motorists. "I have requested a traffic police inspector to depute a policeman to regulate the traffic on this road," said Pasha.

When contacted, the contractor said that he has already repaired the same location thrice. "I want the authorities concerned to keep a vigil on the telecom service providers damaging the cross culvert," the contractor said.

Meanwhile, BBMP executive engineer Geetha told BM that all measures are being taken to fix the problem on a permanent basis. "We have decided to fix a grating to avoid water logging near the cross culvert. The grating will be fixed in a few days," said the BBMP executive engineer.

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WE, Kumara and Chandana.C parents of minor son Chriranth.K, DOB 07-06-2018, R/at Uppanahalli Village, Nanjanagudu Taluk, Devarasanahalli, Mysore, Karnataka-571118 have changed his name from CHRIRANTH.K to DRUVANTH.K vide affidavit dated 29-10-2022 before Notary L.Shankaranarayana, B'lore.

I, SABA BANO W/o Mohammed Bilal residing at No.24, 2nd Floor, 19th D Cross, 7th Main, N S Palya, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560076 have changed my name to SABA BANU affidavit dt- 07.11.2022 notary R. Basavaraja, B.lore.

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I, MOHAMED ATHIQE, R/a,#157/A, Magadi Road,Vidyaranayanagar, Bangalore-23. I have changed my name to MOHAMMED ATHIQE, Vide affidavit dated 05/11/2022 sworn before Notary R. Basavaraja Bangalore

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It's FIFA fever but the fares play dampener

Flight ticket, accommodation prices are sky high, say football fans hoping to watch matches live in Qatar

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Football fans from B'luru and beyond will make a beeline for the Khalifa International Stadium in Qatar

With the 2022 FIFA World Cup just a countdown away -- it is scheduled to start on November 20 -- many Bengalureans who are die-hard football fans are all geared up to watch live in Qatar.

Many have already bought their FIFA tickets online but flight ticket prices are proving to be a costly affair affair.

Shubojit Sen Gupta, a football fan from Bengaluru and brand solutions manager by profession, booked his tickets in April and is waiting to head to Doha. "I bought four FIFA tickets for Rs 90,000. Earlier the fares were low; now it has increased. My two friends and I have been waiting to go for the World Cup and we are very excited. We will leave by December first week and will be there for the knock-out matches. I have been a huge football fan and watching the World Cup live is what I'm looking forward too."

Sen was lucky to get cheaper flights as he had booked his flights back in April on Indigo airlines, which cost him around Rs 60,000 for a round trip. However, now, the flight tickets are at an all-time high. Some websites quote the ticket prices to be anywhere between Rs 60,000 - 80,000 easily for a trip from Bengaluru to Doha in mid-November for international airlines. For some Indian airlines, the flight tickets are ranging between Rs 70,000 - 80,000. The connecting flights quote prices between Rs 25,000 - 38,000.

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Not just flight tickets, but accommodation rates in Qatar are at a peak too.

Sen said, "The accommodation I had booked in April was Rs 10,000 per day; but now it has gone up to Rs 40,000 - 50,000."

Another football fan, Haamid Sinan, a football player from Mangaluru booked his flight ticket to Doha at Rs 14,500 one way, from Cochin to Doha via Abu Dhabi. "I checked the hotels but it is very expensive to stay. As I have a few friends staying in Doha, I will be staying with them. The accommodations as well are almost full. The air ticket prices as well have surged; the same flight I checked two days back has now gone up to Rs 50,000. I will be watching the Equador and Senegal match on November 29 and I'm extremely eager and thrilled to watch the match live. If I get more tickets for other days, I'll purchase a few more for different matches."

Some are planning to stay in other Middle East countries and then head to Doha to watch the match. "First I decided to go to Qatar directly; but the tickets are very high. Hence, I have now planned my trip to Dubai during November last week. And from there, I will go to Doha as the ticket fare is cheaper. After watching the match, I will return to Dubai and stay with my relatives since the prices are high even for accommodation," said Danish Khan, from Hennur.

Enable ambulances with GPS: High Court

The High Court has directed authorities to install GPS-tracking systems on ambulances in Karnataka to enable them to travel without getting stuck in traffic.

A division bench of the High Court headed by Chief Justice Prasanna B Varale gave this direction after hearing a petition by 'Bharat Punaruttana Trust'.

The High Court then adjourned the hearing by three weeks.

All the ambulances in Karnataka have to be enabled with GPS-tracking systems and they should also be regularly monitored, the court has said.

The court also directed for the establishment of a control room for the management of ambulances

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The government was directed to issue necessary circulars to ambulance owners and manufacturers so that both government and private ambulances are enabled with GPS.

The court also directed for the establishment of a control room for the management of ambulances. The control rooms should be able to control the traffic on the roads while ambulances are travelling. The tender process for the same should be commenced at the earliest, the court said.

The court also directed for a report on the implementation of an earlier circular by the Police Commissioner regarding uninterrupted movement of ambulances during the movement of VIPs. **PTI**

'Reserve status to grasslands won't displace locals'

State Wildlife Board members write to CM seeking urgent decision

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Eight members of the Karnataka State Wildlife Board have written to Chief Minister Basavaraj S Bommai stating that there should be no more delays in announcing Hesaraghatta grasslands as a conservation reserve (CR).

Recently, the board meeting headed by the Chief Minister had decided to go for public consultation before any decision. Opposing this idea in the letter, board members said that Hesaraghatta grasslands was a rich area for biodiversity and needed to be protected at all costs.

However, the locals living in and around Hesaraghatta have been opposing the move. The locals have been holding meetings at various villages and demanding the government that the grassland should not be declared a conservation area as it will affect their livelihood.

Reacting to this in the letter, wildlife board member Siddharth Goenka in the letter to CM said, "The conservation reserve (CR) will not displace locals unlike the national parks and sanctuaries. A CR declared under Section 36A of the Wildlife Protection Act (WLPA) 1972 does not involve acquisition of land or settlement of rights of local people. Therefore, all legal rights of the residents in and around a CR will continue and the question of eviction simply does not arise."

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He said that the local communities should not protest as it will actually help them. In the letter, Goenka said, "The local communities will have a say in managing the CR. As per Section 368 of the WLPA, the State Government would constitute a Conservation Reserve Management Committee (CRMC) to advise the Chief Wildlife Warden to conserve, manage and maintain the conservation reserve."

The activists say that many are wrongly portraying that the conservation reserve will affect the communities. Goenka said, "Far from being displaced, the declaration of the CR cements the ownership of the local communities on the Hesaraghatta grasslands. They are to assist the Forest Department in the prevention of wildlife crime and fires. Hesaraghatta also plays a very important role as a catchment area in safeguarding against flooding, and providing water security to Bengaluru."

Why Omicron is milder but also highly transmissible

Bengaluru-based scientist leads global research into understanding virus variant

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Global research led by a Bengaluru-based scientist Dr Debmalya Barh looked deeper into the Omicron variant to determine the reason for high transmissibility and lower mortality rates specific to its variant. The researchers predict that future variants are also likely to be less severe and vaccines made from Omicron may be more effective than the current ones.

To study the phenomenon, researchers used simple principles of reverse vaccinology and structural biology–based bioinformatics methods avoiding robust genomic analysis and simulations.

They took randomly selected samples of only one genome sequence each of the Wuhan, Gamma, Delta, and Omicron variants of SARS-CoV-2 submitted to NCBI from 15 to 31 December 2021 and analysed these genomes. The research was conducted by lead investigator Dr Barh, a Professor in Bioinformatics at the Department of Genetics, Ecology and Evolution, Institute of Biological Sciences (ICB), Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG) and an honorary Scientist at Institute of Integrative Omics and Applied Biotechnology (IIOAB), India.

The research was published in the science journal Springer.

Low pathogenicity

Explaining the phenomenon, Dr Barh said the main reason for the low disease severity and mortality from Omicron infection as compared to the other pre-Omicron variants is due to its low pathogenicity and less ability to produce pro-inflammatory cytokines and IL-6 and an increased ability to induce anti-inflammatory IFN-γ and IL-4 secretion within the host.

Researchers studied samples of one genome sequence each of Wuhan, Gamma, Delta and Omicron variants of SARS-CoV-2

"Mutations in Omicron N protein are associated with this lower IL-6 induction and human DDX21 protein mediation higher IL-4 production. The high antigenicity, increased IFN-γ and IL-4 induction, decreased pro-inflammatory cytokine and IL-6 production, and low pathogenicity of Omicron probably make this variant less severe in people having pre-existing comorbid conditions," said Dr Barh. The N protein in the Delta variant probably was associated with the disease severity of this variant.

They also showed that the mutation of the virus has reduced the protein stability of the variants with the emergence of new variants with Omicron being the lowest among all.

Explaining further, Dr Barh said, "The E and S proteins of Omicron have the lowest stability as compared to the other variants. Interestingly, the ability of the Spike-RBD to bind to human ACE2 is gradually increasing from the Wuhan to Omicron variants. This strongest spike-RBD and ACE2 binding is key in Omicron for its hyper-transmissibility. However, due to the lowest stability of the Omicron Spike protein, this Spike-hACE2 interaction may not be sufficiently stable for systemic infection and induction of severe disease. In addition, since the stability of the E protein is much lower in Omicron than in the Delta or other variants, Omicron cannot replicate properly (attenuated replication) to produce new viral particles. As a result, the viral load is reduced, disease complications are less, and people recover faster in Omicron infection."

> "Future variants might be highly transmissible but less severe than Omicron variant. Infected patients might only see mild fever or cough
> – Dr Debmalya Barh, scientist

Vaccine candidate

Research shows that the Covid variant Omicron has the highest ability to infect someone but with low severity, bringing down the mortality rates. The variant, the researchers observed, has also the highest antigenicity or the ability of the body to produce antigens; making it a good candidate for the vaccine.

Dr Barh noted that compared to other variants, the Omicron variant has shown lesser genomic changes in its sub-variants. "People infected with Omicron can be considered naturally vaccinated due to its high antigenic properties. Most of the current vaccines are recombinant vaccines and you develop antibodies and the effect lasts for 6 to 8 months," he added.

Speaking about the continuing trend for future variants, Dr Barh said that if the trend continues, the future variants might be less severe than the Omicron variant. "Future variants might be higher transmissible but less severe than the Omicron variant. Infected patients might only see mild fever or cough and may not lead to much severity. However, covid is not over yet and therefore, apart from complete vaccination, people should try to follow the covid protocols, including using a mask in crowded places," added Dr Barh.

Plastic menace: Refill remedy

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can get their products refilled," she said. According to Lalithamba, though some people are adopting the technology, it is still a challenge for most residents.

"The challenge is to convince everyone in the community because some individuals are used to a certain brand and do not want to switch to new products. The problem with refilling trucks is that some residents are worried about the carbon footprint of the neighbourhood and heavy vehicles in the area. At the same time, though a few apartments have refilling kiosks installed, it limits the service to only their residents..."

"It has pros and cons but more people are coming forward to adopt refilling," Lalithamba added.

R Buy is one such company that provides a 'smart refill kiosks' platform that refills home care products like laundry liquid, utensils cleaner, floor cleaner, toilet cleaner, and so forth into reusable containers.

Fahad CV of R Buy told Bangalore Mirror that so far around 4-5 apartment associations in Bengaluru have chosen to get the kiosks installed for residents.

"Many more apartments are waiting to get these kiosks. More people, these days, are aware of climate change and plastic pollution. They are cautious about the generation of plastic waste and take responsible steps to reduce in whatever way possible as long as it is convenient and economic," Fahad added.

ISRO set for runway landing experiment of reusable launch vehicle

The Indian Space Research Organisation appears set for the first runway landing experiment (RLV-LEX) of Reusable Launch Vehicle - Technology Demonstrator (RLV-TD) from aeronautical test range in Karnataka's Chitradurga district, with its Chairman S Somanath indicating that weather is being monitored.

"We are looking at the climate. Climate is still not good. So, we are waiting for the wind and other systems to become benign. We will do that," Somanath, also Secretary in the Department of Space, told PTI in Chitradurga.

According to ISRO officials, the RLV wing body will be carried using a helicopter to an altitude of three to five km and released at a distance of about four to five km ahead of the runway with a horizontal velocity.

After the release, the RLV will glide, navigate towards the runway and land autonomously with a landing gear in the defence airfield near Chitradurga.

Sources in the national space agency headquartered here earlier said new systems like landing gear, parachute, hook beam assembly, radar altimeter and pseudolite have been developed and qualified.

All about the maiden flight

ISRO accomplished its maiden RLV-TD HEX-01 (Hypersonic Flight Experiment-01) mission on May 23, 2016 from SDSC SHAR and successfully demonstrated the critical technologies for design and flight testing of re-entry vehicles.

After the release, the RLV will glide, navigate towards the runway

However, it was a suborbital flight and designed to land on sea.

One of the critical technologies to be demonstrated in the RLV-LEX mission is approach and autonomous landing on a runway, according to ISRO.

In order to acquire end-to-end reusable launch vehicle (RLV) technology capability, this milestone (RLV-LEX) has to be achieved before the RLV ORE (Orbital Re-Entry Experiment) mission, ISRO officials say.

In ORE, a wing body called Orbital Re-entry Vehicle (ORV) will be taken to an orbit by an ascent vehicle derived from the existing GSLV and PSLV stages and stay in orbit for a stipulated period, re-enter and land in a runway autonomously with a landing gear. **– PTI**

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Inflammation, explained

2 immunologists explain how the body responds to everything from stings to vaccination and why it sometimes goes wrong

When your body fights off an infection, you develop a fever.

If you have arthritis, your joints will hurt. If a bee stings your hand, your hand will swell up and become stiff. These are all manifestations of inflammation occurring in the body.

We are two immunologists who study how the immune system reacts during infections, vaccination, and autoimmune diseases where the body starts attacking itself.

While inflammation is commonly associated with the pain of an injury or the many diseases it can cause, it is an important part of the normal immune response. The problems arise when this normally helpful function overreacts or overstays its welcome.

What is inflammation?

Generally speaking, the term inflammation refers to all activities of the immune system that occur where the body is trying to fight off potential or real infections, clear toxic molecules or recover from physical injury.

There are five classic physical signs of acute inflammation: heat, pain, redness, swelling and loss of function.

Low-grade inflammation might not even produce noticeable symptoms, but the underlying cellular process is the same.

Take a bee sting, for example. The immune system is like a military unit with a wide range of tools in its arsenal.

After sensing the toxins, bacteria and physical damage from the sting, the immune system deploys various types of immune cells to the site of the sting. These include T cells, B cells, macrophages and neutrophils, among other cells.

The B cells produce antibodies. Those antibodies can kill any bacteria in the wound and neutralise toxins from the sting.

Macrophages and neutrophils engulf bacteria and destroy them. T cells don't produce antibodies, but kill any virus-infected cell to prevent viral spread.

Additionally, these immune cells produce hundreds of types of molecules called cytokines – otherwise known as mediators – that help fight threats and repair harm to the body. But just like in a military attack, inflammation comes with collateral damage.

The mediators that help kill bacteria also kill some healthy cells. Other similar mediating molecules cause blood vessels to leak, leading to accumulation of fluid and influx of more immune cells.

This collateral damage is the reason you develop swelling, redness and pain around a bee sting or after getting a flu shot. Once the immune system clears an infection or foreign invader – whether the toxin in a bee sting or a chemical from the environment – different parts of the inflammatory response take over and help repair the damaged tissue.

After a few days, your body will neutralize the poison from the sting, eliminate any bacteria that got inside and heal any tissue that was harmed.

Inflammation as a cause of disease

Inflammation is a double-edged sword. It is critical for fighting infections and repairing damaged tissue, but when inflammation occurs for the wrong reasons or becomes chronic, the damage it causes can be harmful.

Allergies, for example, develop when the immune system mistakenly recognises innocuous substances – like peanuts or pollen – as dangerous. The harm can be minor, like itchy skin, or dangerous if someone's throat closes up.

Chronic inflammation damages tissues over time and can lead to many noninfectious clinical disorders, including cardiovascular diseases, neuro-degenerative disorders, obesity, diabetes and some types of cancers.

The immune system can sometimes mistake one's own organs and tissues for invaders, leading to inflammation throughout the body or in specific areas.

This self-targeted inflammation is what causes the symptoms of autoimmune diseases such as lupus and arthritis.

Another cause of chronic inflammation that researchers like us are currently studying is defects in the mechanisms that curtail inflammation after the body clears an infection.

While inflammation mostly plays out at a cellular level in the body, it is far from a simple mechanism that happens in isolation. Stress, diet and nutrition, as well as genetic and environmental factors, have all been shown to regulate inflammation in some way.

There is still a lot to be learned about what leads to harmful forms of inflammation, but a healthy diet and avoiding stress can go a long way toward helping maintain the delicate balance between a strong immune response and harmful chronic inflammation.

(Prakash Nagarkatti, University of South Carolina and Mitzi Nagarkatti, University of South Carolina for The Conversation via PTI)

MIRRORLIGHTS

Study: Inhaled toxic particles take direct route from lungs to brain

Breathing in polluted air could lead to toxic particles being transported from the lungs to the brain, via the bloodstream potentially contributing to brain disorders and neurological damage, a new study reveals.

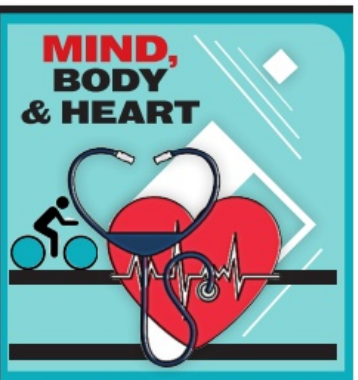
Scientists have discovered a possible direct pathway used by various inhaled fine particles through blood circulation with indications that, once there, the particles stay longer in the brain than in other main metabolic organs.

An international team of experts from the University of Birmingham and research institutions in China today published their findings in PNAS.

The scientists revealed they had found various fine particles in human cerebrospinal fluids taken from patients who had experienced brain disorders -- uncovering a process which may result in toxic particulate substances ending up in the brain.

Co-author Professor Iseult Lynch, from the University of Birmingham, commented: "There are gaps in our knowledge around the harmful effects of airborne fine particles on the central nervous system. This work sheds new light on the link between inhaling particles and how they subsequently move around the body.

"The data suggests that up to eight times the number of fine particles may reach the brain by travelling, via the bloodstream, from the lungs than pass directly via the nose -- adding new evidence on the relationship between air pollution and detrimental effects of such particles on the brain." —IANS



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm a woman in my 30s and I've been good friends with this other mum since our kids started class together. She's always been a great laugh - the life and soul of any party - and I've loved spending time with her over the years. A few months ago, she split up with her partner, who's the father of her two kids, and he moved out.
She was unfaithful and that's what caused the break-up. She's since given up her job, which she hated, saying she couldn't cope with the stress of the split as well as work. My problem is, she keeps asking me for loans. She always does it in a very lighthearted way, like it's normal, and says she'll get it back to me when her ex coughs up the cash. I can't afford to keep giving her money. It's stressing me out that I don't know if I'll get the money back, and I find it hard to ask for it. It's ruining our friendship because now I avoid her so she doesn't ask for cash. Please help.

COLEEN SAYS

You have to be strong. Explain you can't afford to give her any more money and don't leave any room for misinterpretation. In the current clim, everyone is tightening belts, so that's a good way into the conversation.

I know that it feels difficult and awkward, but perhaps it'll open up a more honest conversation and she'll give you a better explanation of what's going on.

The bottom line is, she needs a proper solution to her financial situation, whether that's going back to work, even part-time, or coming to a different arrangement with her ex. Yes, she might get defensive and react badly, but if you don't clear the air and express how you feel, then the friendship won't last anyway as you'll end up avoiding her completely.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

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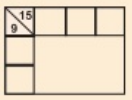

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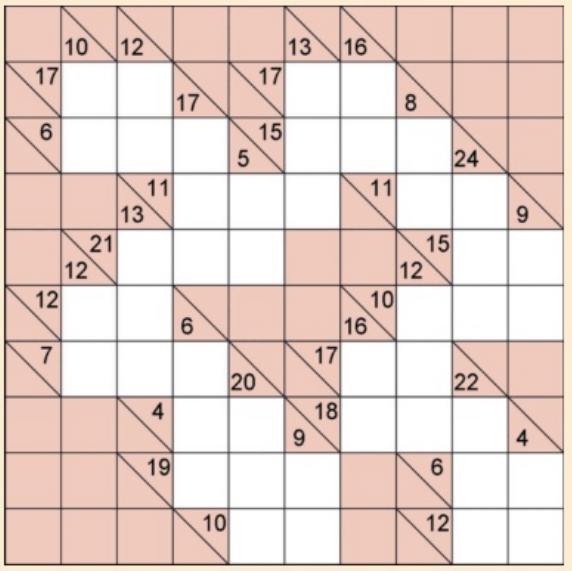

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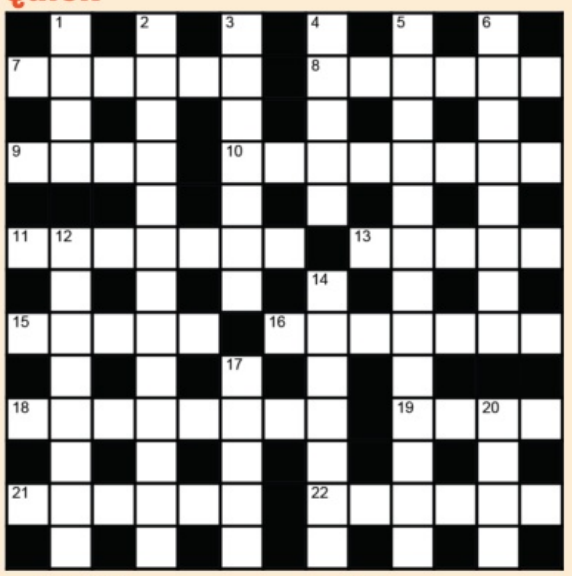


ACROSS

7 Duplicity, trickery (6)
8 Merges or brings together (6)
9 Toy on a string (2-2)
10 Overshadowed, surpassed or obscured (8)
11 Church kneeler (7)
13 On the move (5)
15 Record-keeper (5)
16 Surround (7)
18 Protrude (5,3)
19 Dozes or slumbers (4)
21 Measuring devices (6)
22 Country (6)

DOWN

1 Nil (4)
2 Rebuilt (13)
3 Make longer (7)
4 City in North Karnataka (5)
5 Unruffled (13)
6 Breaking off (8)
12 Utterly confused and bewildered ? (3,2,3)
14 Navigational aid (7)
17 Damp (5)
20 The front of a ship (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: B EQUALS D

BRF'N TUNJW NWS JXRJQ; BR TWUN HN BRSP. QSSV ERHFE.

Linemaro

Are you accepting applications for your fan club?

Mindchow

The well bred contradicts other people. The wise contradict themselves

Joke of the day

The quickest way to double your money is to fold it over and put it back in your pocket

Loop

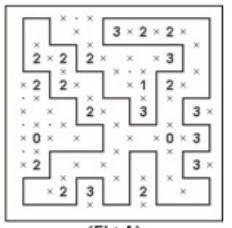
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

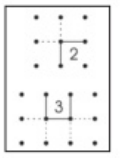
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

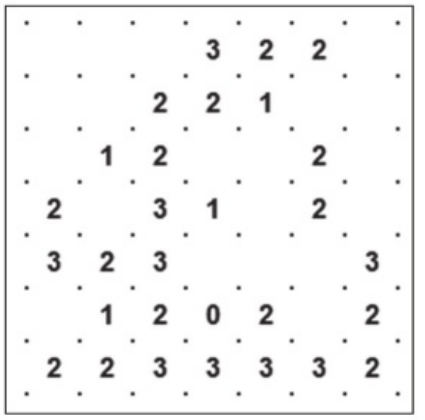
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



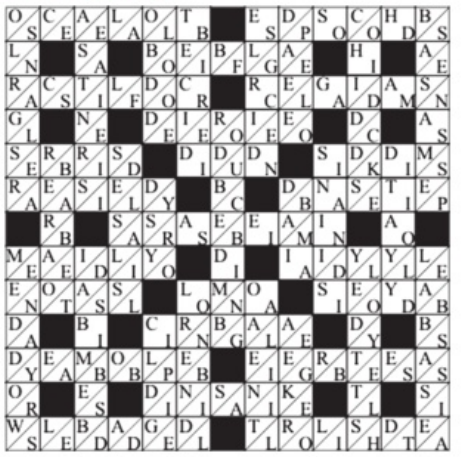
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



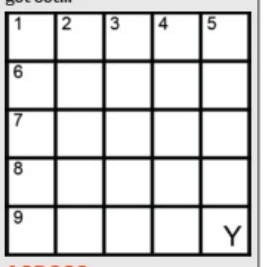
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Chars; 6 Or etc;
7 Arhat; 8 Coins;
9 Coy HK

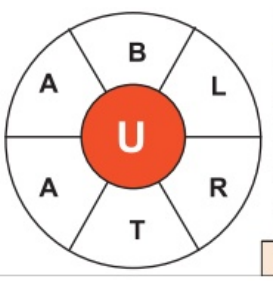
DOWN

1 Circa; 2 Chert;
3 A coho; 4 Tanks;
5 Or shy

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

08 Average; **09** Good; **11** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

		7	1					4
4							7	
9		5			2		6	1
				9	5			
1		2	3		6	7		9
			8	1				
5	3		7			4		2
	2							6
8					1	9		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 18
1 4 6 7

Medium = 7
2 5 6 8

Hard = 14
3 7 9 4

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

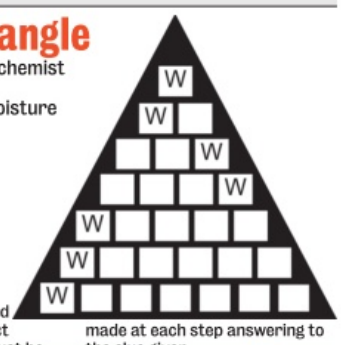
Differences: 1. Chair leg is moved. 2. Desk lamp is shorter. 3. Paper on floor is moved. 4. Woman's finger is not showing. 5. Arm is added to chair. 6. Collar is missing.

Riddler

Of five consecutive multiples of three, the second highest is divided by four and three is added. If this result is equal to half of the second lowest of the five numbers, what is the lowest of the numbers?

Alpha triangle

1 Tungsten for the chemist
2 You and I
3 Early morning moisture
4 Attracted
5 Very unusual
6 More feral
7 Holder



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE »

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

SIGH!: HOME AT LAST!
I MUST HAVE WALKED A MILLION MILES!
I DON'T THINK I COULD TAKE ANOTHER STEP!
IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU GOT BACK! WE'RE GOING TO BE LATE FOR THE DANCE!
8-23

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

I WASN'T ABLE TO PREORDER SO I WANNA WIN THIS FREE BOOK!
I WILL MAKE SURE WE WIN THIS TRIVIA CONTEST EVEN IF IT KILLS ME.
THAT'S THE SPIRIT!
TO WINNING!

Crankshaft

SO, HOW BAD WAS THE RANSOMWARE ATTACK?
ON AIR
THE HACKERS TOOK AWAY OUR ABILITY TO LOG INTO THE DATABASE FOR ON-AIR CONTENT...
8-30
BUT WE'RE STARTING TO FRANKENSTEIN SOME BITS AND PIECES TOGETHER USING LAPTOPS!
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

SO, HOW WAS OBEDIENCE SCHOOL?
GREAT!
THE TEACHER STARTED BY TELLING MY OZZIE THAT THERE ARE NO BAD DOGS, JUST BAD OWNERS.
SO I LEFT HIM THERE AND WAITED IN THE CAR.
mutts.com

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may feel comfortable after a messy situation. Your vitality may help you implement some tough decisions in your parental business, which can boost it. You may help needy people around you, which may increase your social respect. Students might be clear in choosing their career options.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may face health issues, which can make you impatient. You are advised to control your short-tempered nature. You may spend your hard-earned money on buying worthless items. It may affect your savings. Lovebirds are advised to avoid discussions on worthless topics, otherwise there might be a breakup.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may meet some influential person who will help you with the progress of your work. Your network will be strong with the help of that person. You may prepare yourself to implement new ideas in your work or business. You may plan to invest more capital in your business. This may give you financial gains in the near future. In terms of domestic life, you will be busy with family get-togethers and social events.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today your mothers' health may be good. You may enjoy it at work and reap rewards due to your effort. Your social respect may be increased now. Overworking your mind can make you tired. Due to the workload, you may not be able to reach some family events.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may be satisfied at work. You may plan for a short work-related trip. You may also visit some spiritual place to maintain your inner peace. Your elders may show you the right path, which may give you clarity regarding your goals.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may feel dull. You may have some health issues. You are advised to postpone making investments in business. It is also advised not to start new ventures. You are likely to face losses in business. Your gains are likely to convert to losses.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may feel good. Domestic harmony can make you happy. You may meet some influential person to get some benefits on the work front. You are likely to perform well at your job. You may expect some rewards in terms of promotions. Disputes over inherited property may settle down.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may be healthy. You may be able to focus on your goals and your performance may be very good at work. Your boss may be happy with you. You may get some important responsibilities at work. You may hear good news in legal matters. You are likely to have control over your opponents and business rivals.

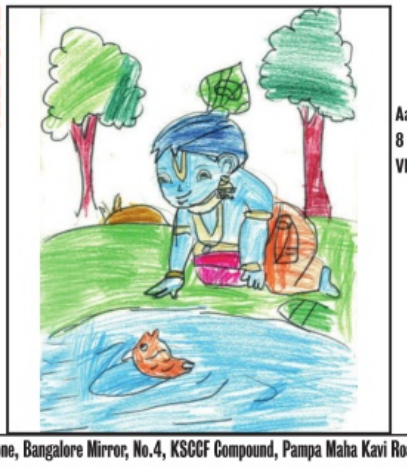
Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may like gaining knowledge. You may understand the value of intellectual assets. You may control your short-tempered nature, which may help you perform your tasks smoothly. There may be some chances for smooth earnings, which may give you comfort in the workflow. You are advised to be careful before making new investments. You are likely to spend money for love.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may be dissatisfied. You have some sort of detachment from your responsibilities, which can make you confused. You may plan hypothetically for your projects. You are advised to be practical in your work to complete it on time. You may also take care of your parents. If you are planning to migrate somewhere, it is advised to postpone it for some days.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today is a positive day for you, you may get success from your hard work on the professional and domestic front. You may have good focus and may complete your work on time, which can improve your self-confidence. You may also expect some work-related short trips, which may be beneficial in the near future in terms of your network.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may be busy with domestic issues. You may spend money on buying some artefacts or household items. You are advised to control your expenditure on worthless items, otherwise it may attract negative energy in the house. You are also advised to control your way of speaking with the people around you.

KIDZONE



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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
1+1+1+1+1=5
1+2+3+1+3=10
2+3+4+2+4=15
3+4+5+3+5=20
8+9+1+8+1=27
27÷1/3=3

BULL'S EYE
abut, aura, aural, blur, blurt, brut, brutal, bunt, TABULAR, tuba, ultra

FAST FIVE

C	R	A	S	H
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STRIKE OUT

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QUICK

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RIDDLER Fifteen

QUOTE UNCODE
Don't watch the clock; do what it does. Keep going.

KAKURO

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	10	12			13	9	5		3	1	2	4	9	3

LOOP

ALPHA TRIANGLE
W, We, Dew, Drew, Weird, Wilder, Wielder.

GO FIGURE
Easy
4 + 6 + 1 + 7 = 18
Medium
6 + 8 – 2 – 5 = 7
Hard
9 – 4 – 3 x 7 = 14

SUDOKU

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MENSA PUZZLE
9: (6 + 17) – (5 + 9)

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 # Sexiest man alive
Actor Chris Evans of 'Captain America' fame has earned a new superpower by earning People magazine's 2022 title of 'Sexiest Man Alive'

Back on her feet

3 months after leg injury, Shilpa pulls off this feat

Shilpa Shetty, who, on the occasion of Gurpurab on Tuesday, successfully managed to do the Surya Namaskar three months after a serious leg injury that had left her immobile, has said that it was her self-belief that had enabled her to recover.

Taking to Instagram to post a video of her doing the Surya Namaskar on Tuesday, Shilpa Shetty quoted Guru Nanak and said: "'He who has no faith in himself can never have faith in God.' - Guru Nanak Dev ji.

"This teaching has stayed with me for many years now, and I believe very strongly in it. Believing in yourself and having faith that you can do anything you set your mind to is one of the best ways to lead a wholesome life.

"With this in mind - on the special occasion of Gurpurab, I practised the Surya Namaskara for the first time again, three months after my injury."

"Being able to achieve this milestone after being wheelchair-bound for weeks is an indescribable feeling."

The actress also wished all her followers on the occasion. **—IANS**

She can pull off any stunt!

Recently the Internet was left shocked when Samantha Ruth Prabhu revealed her struggle with the rare disease Myositis just a few days ahead of her much anticipated and awaited release, 'Yashoda'.

The actor shared her experience doing the action film. In 'Yashoda' Samantha plays a surrogate mother, unfolding the secrets of a serious medical crime with courage.

With 'Yashoda', Samantha is collaborating with Yannick Ben for the second time, after their first association for 'The Family Man', recently the stunt choreographer heaped praises on the leading lady for her dedication.

Samantha said, "The most challenging part of shooting for Yashoda were the action sequences. I really enjoy doing action even though I never imagined I was meant to do action, but it is quite surprising and the love for the genre has been a revelation for myself. Although it is gruesome, it offers a great adrenaline rush and there's a great sense of accomplishment to perform the stunts. I am also thankful to our action director Yannick, who has been a great guide and mentor to me. I think the action has turned out to be pretty cool and something to look forward to in Yashoda."

The action style in Yashoda has a mix of varied forms. The combination of fighting is a little bit of boxing, kickboxing, some projection in judo, Brazilian jujitsu, and also a mix of MMA. **—ANI**

Relationship alert

Kartik Aaryan, who makes his female fans go weak in the knees, is often in the news for his rumoured relationships. If the new reports doing the rounds are anything to go by then the 'Freddy' star is currently dating Hrithik Roshan's cousin Pashmina Roshan.

According to a report in a news portal, Kartik and Pashmina have been spotted meeting at each other's place of late. The report also added that when Kartik is not working, he chooses to spend his time with Pashmina at his residence and vice versa. The rumoured lovebirds are reportedly playing it cool and making it a point to send their cars racing back to their respective houses to avoid shutterbugs' attention.

On the occasion of Diwali, Kartik drove Pashmina in his new McLaren in Juhu. The alleged couple has a few favourite places in Mumbai where they usually hang out these days, a report in Pinkvilla stated.

Kartik was dating Sara Ali Khan before this. **—ETimes**

Hello, Vijay is right here

Vijay Deverakonda, one of the biggest stars of Telugu cinema, recently made a foray into Bollywood with "Liger". The sports action film was heavily panned by critics and audience alike. Vijay has spoken about what lies ahead for him.

Vijay attended a fan event on Sunday where he brushed apart talks about making a comeback as according to him, he didn't go anywhere in the first place. In a mix of English and Telugu, Vijay said that wherever he goes, fans keep saying that Anna, you have to give a comeback. For all his fans, he wanted to say that he didn't go anywhere, he is right here.

On hearing his response, fans cheered and clapped. Fans loved his sassy response and one of them quipped, "That is how he is and that is why we love him." Another one said, "Even I want to have this much self-belief and confidence." **— ETimes**

SANDALWOOD SHOTS

Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Best wishes

Dr Shivarajkumar, aka Shivanna, is known for encouraging newcomers. Recently, Shivanna attended an event organised to release the trailer of Raymo at a mall in Binnypet.

"Kannada film industry is second to none. The success of Kannada movie Kantara is our pride. I wish a similar success for Raymo. The lead pair Ishan and Ashika look beautiful. I do not need to tell you about the specialty and skills of director Pavan Wadeyar. The Kannada film industry needs producers like CR Manohar," said Shivanna.

Thanking Dr Shivarajkumar, Ishan said shooting for Ramyo began three years ago and it is scheduled for release by November 25. "It is Dr Shivarajkumar who encouraged me to act in movies. I am happy to get Raymo's trailer released by him," he said.

Twinkling stars

One more song from the Kannada movie Triple Riding was released on Monday. The song – Twinkle Twinkle Star He is Golden Star - sung by Vijay Prakash has music by Sai Kartheek.

Expressing confidence over the success of this song on par with two other songs released a few days ago, Ganesh said that all the actors and actresses worked hard during the shooting of the movie. He also recalled how the movie shooting began at Kamakshi Hospital in Mysore after the second wave of Covid pandemic. "I still remember how music director-cum-actor Sadhu Kokila and Kuri Pratap were afraid to enter my caravan during that time. They thought that the caravan is air-conditioned and it will spread coronavirus. This is the first movie among all Kannada movies to commence shooting at the end of the second wave of covid ," said Ganesh with a smile.

He also wished good luck to Aditi Prabhudeva, one of the three leading ladies, who is getting married on November 27. "I wish a happy married life to Aditi. I also want to tell her to continue acting after her marriage," he said.